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Dear Bill and Barbara:

We had a first-string team on Tuesday!

I know that none of the CIA wives there will forget the sight of three honourable men addressing our country's elected representatives; behind them, the row of smiling faces of the encouraging and sincerely interested staff; and behind all, the flag, symbol of our democratic right to be there, to be heard.

Honest men speaking of the service of CIA wives in difficult and challenging circumstances--it made all of us who were or are CIA wives glad to be there, to see and to hear, to have contributed to CIA and to our country. Lumps in throat and tears on cheeks--we all had them!

Barbara's warm encouragement kept those of us who spoke from having nerves, from my fearing, at least, that I might not perform quite as well as possible. Thanks, Barbara. And thanks, Bill, for the steadying story of Rockefeller as I recovered from the flurry of a lost first page and afterwards, for the words, "Well done."

Whatever the outcome next Tuesday, women around the world should bolster their morale: Good and honest men spoke of their worth, cheered on by a wonderful lady.

Thank you.

With affection,

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